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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: Guatemalan Situation

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Alberto Lleras Camargo, Secretary General, Organization of American States
Mr. Holland, ARA

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I had lunch today with Dr. Alberto Lleras Camargo and discussed with him in general terms the gravity of the Guatemalan situation and the possibility that we might eventually have to invoke the Caracas resolution.

He said that he felt opinion generally was not ready for such an action, but that it could be prepared in such a way that we could hope for success. He urged that I make a number of rather strong speeches on the subject. He recommended that in such speeches I take the position that I was confident that the nations of America would not permit the establishment of a satellite nation here by the communist organization, and that I refrain from any indication that the United States would act unilaterally.

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